(b) No, Sir.

(c) The information is being collected from the Government of Himachal Pradesh and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Amount of net internal borrowings

1144. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the net internal borrowings as on the 31st March, 1991, 31st March, 1990 and 31st March, 1989; and

(b) what were their sources, when those are due for repayment and what are the rates of interest on these borrowings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) The net internal market borrowings of the Central Government outstanding at the end of 31st March, 1989, 1990 and 1991 were as follows:

(Rs. crores)

	Outstanding at the end of 31st March		
	1989	1990	1991 (RE)
Market loans (including loans in course of repayment)	55161	62565	70565

(b) According to Reserve Bank's Report on Currency & Finance 1989-90, the major owners of the Central Government securities at the end of March 1989 were:

	Percentage to the total
Reserve Bank of India .	20.1
Scheduled commercial banks	52.2
Life Insurance Corporation	12.5

The dates of maturity of the loans and the rates of interest on them are given at pages 46—48 of the document Receipts Budget 1991-92 (July '91), which was presented to Parliament alongwith other Budget documents on 24th July, 1991.

Present value of the rupee

1145. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present value of the rupee in relation to that at the end of 1947; and

(b) what is its present value in relation to US $ and the British £ and how the Indian rupee compared with these currencies at the end of 1947?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The present value of the rupee measured as the reciprocal of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Industrial Workers, in relation to Re. 1-100 paise in 1947, works out to 7.16 paise in May, 1991 (latest available).

(b) The present value of the Indian rupee in relation to US $ and the £ Sterling as on July 24, 1991 the latest date for which the rates are available, and that in 1947 is given in the table below:

	Rs. Per Unit Foreign Currencies	
Date/Year	US Dollar	Pound St.
July 24, 1991 . . (Closing Middle Rate)	25.7533	43.38
1947 . . . (Par Val ue)	3.3085	13.33

Visit of British Secretary of State for Trade and Industry

1146. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE

be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Sir Peter Lilley, British Secretary of State for Trade and Industry visited India recently; if so, what are the details of the negotiations, if any, held during his visit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Mr. Peter Lilley was in India between 9th and 12th February, 1991 in connection with the IXth Engineering Trade Fair. No negotiations were held during the course of his visit.

Export of FCV Tobacco

1147. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of F.C.V. tobacco exported yearwise and country-wise during the last three years; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to boost its export?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) Statement showing quantum of FCV Tobacco exported year-wise and country-wise within the last three years is enclosed.

(b) Tobacco Board has undertaken intensive extension activities for improving productivity and quality of tobacco in order to reduce unit cost of production and thus increasing its price and quality competitiveness in the world market. Introduction of the uniform Replenishment scheme and exchange rate adjustments would also boost tobacco exports.

Statement

Quantum of FCV tobacco exported year-wise and country-wise during the last three years

(Quantity in tons)

Country	1988-89 (Qty.)	1989-90 (Qty.)	1990-91 (Qty.)
West Europe			
U.K.	6392	7589	8533
Belgium	520	2406	4603
France	370	827	907
Finland	..	..	10
Federal Republic of Germany	845	290	838
Irish Republic	351	266	252
Netherlands	206	629	995
Greece	..	..	95
Italy	198	220	38
Portugal	79	..	..
Total	8961	12227	16072